

REMARKS

In response to the office action, Applicants submit the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Re-examination and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 USC 112. Claim 14 has been amended as set forth above.

The Examiner further rejected claims 1 under 35 USC 102 over Rao.

Applicants respectfully submit that the step of leveling is not shown by Rao. That is, in Rao, either the final step is grinding per column 2, lines 5-10 or operating the pump to abrade per column 2, lines 28-30. The intermediate step of leveling, prior to assembly and finalizing the coat, is not disclosed. Accordingly, claim 1 is submitted to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2-12, dependent from claim 1, based on the same argument are further submitted to be in condition for allowance.

In addition, claims 13 –16 were rejected under 35 USC 103 in view of Rao. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection. In Rao, radial discharge is shown such that an outlet casing is not used and there is no discharge end, as provided in Applicants invention, to be coated. In Applicants invention the discharge end, as provided in the specification is a vertical wall against which the refrigerant is compressed. Accordingly, Applicant submit that claims 13-16 are in condition for allowance.

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Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any matters in this case, Applicants' attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number provided below.

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